



# FNST Kiosks



Big Cypress National Preserve  
Loop Road



Fort Pickens – Gulf Island





Lake Okeechobee





South Florida Water Management District





Avon Park Air Force Range

# the Florida Trail

## ■ AVON PARK AIR FORCE RANGE

### RULES OF ACCESS

This area is part of an active U.S. Air Force bombing range. Access is strictly limited to the trail. Users have entered through the main gate and checked in at the Check-In Station.

All users must follow these procedures:

- Hikers must travel in groups of two or more.
- Each user must sign a liability release and leave it in the bin here. The tear-off portion must be retained at all times while on the installation.
- Camping is permitted at the three locations indicated on the map. Please remove all trash in the shadow wells is not certified as drinkable.
- Do not touch or disturb military ordnance. Although the area has been cleared for public use, unexploded munitions which have been buried years ago possibly are exposed by wind and rain. Explosives are not permitted.

Have a safe and enjoyable hike!

### NATIVE PLANT COMMUNITIES

**OAK HAMMOCK** — The main community used along the trail. Successful regeneration is dominated by a big oak overstory, occasional stands of cabbage palm.

**SCRUB** — Sometimes described as "deciduous subject to fire," the oak and sand pine scrub plant community is uniquely adapted to survival in a harsh, arid environment.

**FRESHWATER MARSH** — Serving to filter out nutrients and pesticides, wetlands are of tremendous ecological importance, and are critical habitat to a host of plant and animal species.

**FRINGE FLATWOODS** — The fringing pine-savanna complex is one of the most widespread plant communities in Florida. The vegetation is a mix of sand pine, slash pine, and live oak.

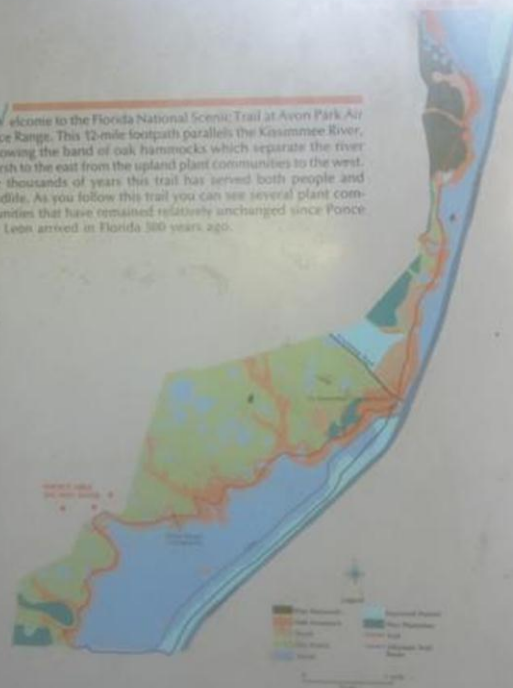
**DRY PRAIRIE** — The dry prairie was once an extensive community along the Kissimmee River. But only a few scattered tracts remain. The plants are similar to those of the pine flatwoods, but the live oak is rarely present.

### MAN-MADE PLANT COMMUNITIES

**PIKE PLANTATIONS** — Planted in the late 1940s with slash pine, the plantations are damaged by commercial forests.

**IMPROVED PASTURE** — *Bouteloua curtipendula* planted for domestic cattle and horses and sometimes critical habitat for certain species such as the Burrowing Owl.

Welcome to the Florida National Scenic Trail at Avon Park Air Force Range. This 12-mile footpath parallels the Kissimmee River, following the band of oak hammocks which separate the river marsh to the east from the upland plant communities to the west. For thousands of years this trail has served both people and wildlife. As you follow this trail you can see several plant communities that have remained relatively unchanged since Ponce de Leon arrived in Florida 500 years ago.







Three Lakes WMA  
Prairie Lakes Unit  
FWC





# Herky Huffman Bull Creek WMA





## Welcome to Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area

### Tosohatchee

Area's Many Recreational Opportunities

- ☒ no-vehicle riding
- ☒ primitive camping
- ☒ paddling
- ☒ seasonal hunting
- ☒ picnicking
- ☒ wildlife viewing

Protect our natural and cultural resources by following a few rules:

Keep wildlife from a distance. Please, don't feed, harass, or attempt to touch any animal.

Do not remove or play in any area or resource that is a natural or cultural resource.

Protect our irreplaceable archaeological resources. Do not remove or disturb cultural remains.

Be aware of seasonal flooding. You may encounter seasonal water along the roads and throughout the area.



### Managing Tosohatchee

For Your Enjoyment and Wildlife Conservation

The map shows the diverse habitats and recreational opportunities. Here's a sampling of what you'll see and the tools that Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission biologists use to keep the lands healthy for visitors and the wildlife that live there.



Tosohatchee WMA





Seminole Ranch Conservation Area





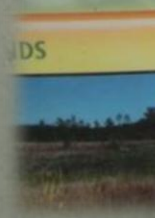
# Charles H. Bronson State Forest







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Little Big Econ State Forest





**SEMINOLE COUNTY**  
FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

Leisure Services Department **FLAGLER TRAIL**

**OPEN DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY PLEASE REMEMBER TO:**

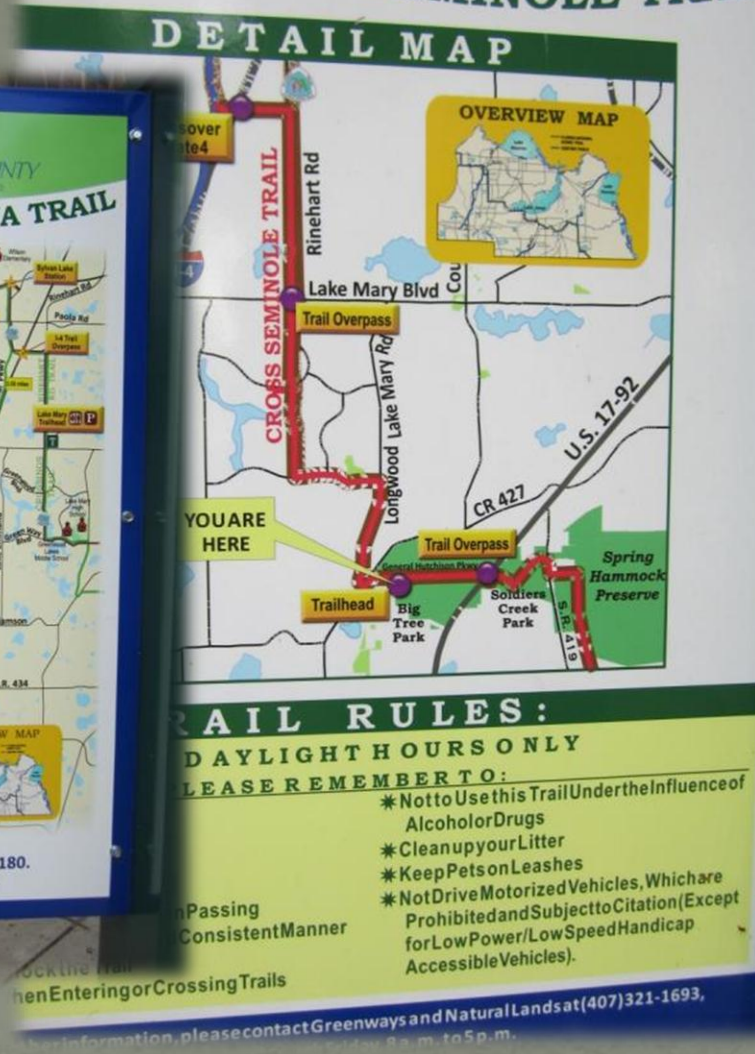
- Be Courteous
- Obey Trail Signs
- Keep Right
- Pass on the Left
- Give Audible Signals When Passing
- Travel in a Predictable and Consistent Manner
- Not Block the Trail
- Yield When Entering or Crossing Trails
- Not Use This Trail Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs
- Clean up your Litter
- Keep Pets on Leashes
- Not Drive Motorized Vehicles, Which are Prohibited and Subject to Citation (Except for Low Power/Low Speed Handicap Accessible Vehicles).

**OVERVIEW MAP**

For further information, please call (407) 665-2180.  
[www.seminolecountyfl.gov/leisure/trails/](http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/leisure/trails/)

Flagler Trail  
Seminole County





Cross Seminole Trail & Seminole Wekiva Trail





## THE FLORIDA BLACK BEAR

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Historically, 12,000 bears roamed throughout Florida, now there are fewer than 1,000.

The Florida black bear is a subspecies of the northern black bear. It is listed as a threatened species in Florida.

Bears eat mostly berries or plant material, but, honey, fish, insects. Occasionally they feed on deer, small mammals, and rabbits.

Bears have an ability to hibernate and do. They are powerful animals, but are not dangerous aggressive toward people. Their fat layer helps a disoriented animal get a compass by a bear in Florida.

**ONLY SURVIVING:**

**Wild & Habitat Representation**

Florida is the last refuge for the black bear and the only place where the bear can still be seen in the wild.

**WHERE ARE THE BEARS?**

The Florida black bear is found in scattered populations throughout the state.

**YOU CAN HELP!**

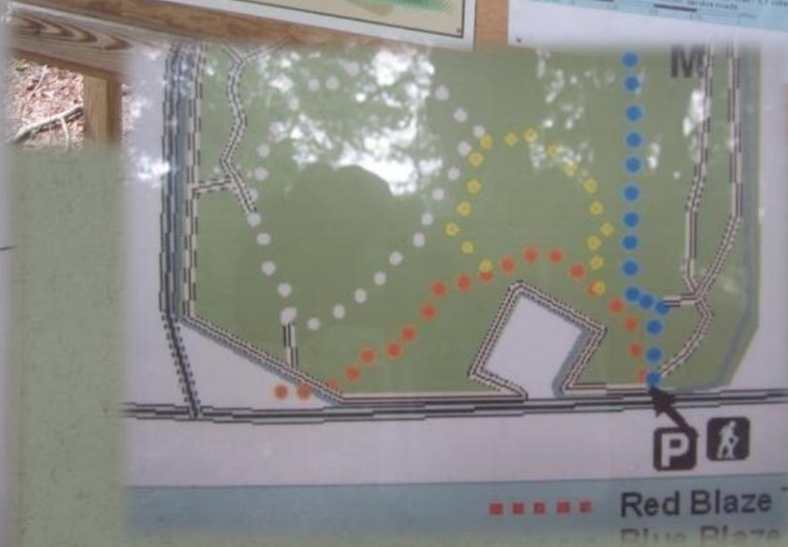
Share drives where you see bear crossing signs which indicate bear habitat and bear movement corridors.

Always keep a safe distance from bears.

Report bear signs. Do not leave food or garbage outside, which attracts bears to feed.

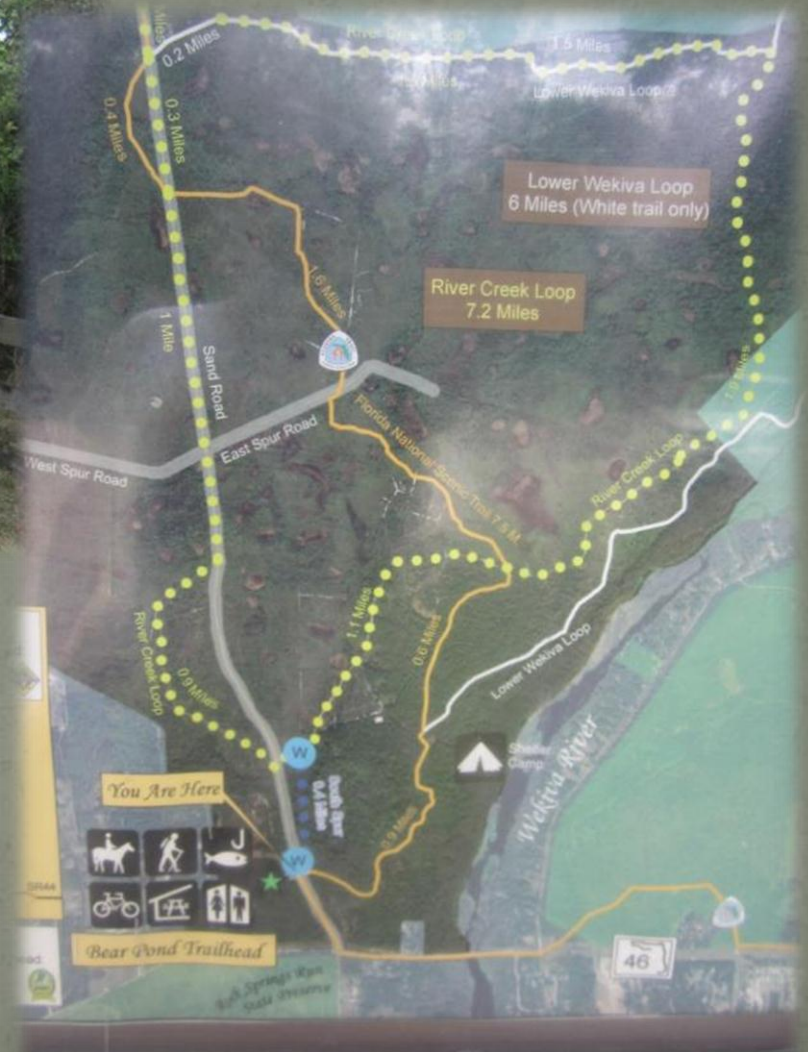
Support conservation efforts to protect bears and their habitat.

For questions and to make a bear, contact the nearest Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission office.



Lower Wekiva River Preserve SP





Seminole State Forest



# Ocala National Forest



Hwy 19



Pats Island

Clearwater Lake



Juniper Wilderness





Rice Creek  
Conservation Area





Marjorie Harris Carr  
Cross Florida Greenway  
Recreational Trails  
St John's Trailhead  
North



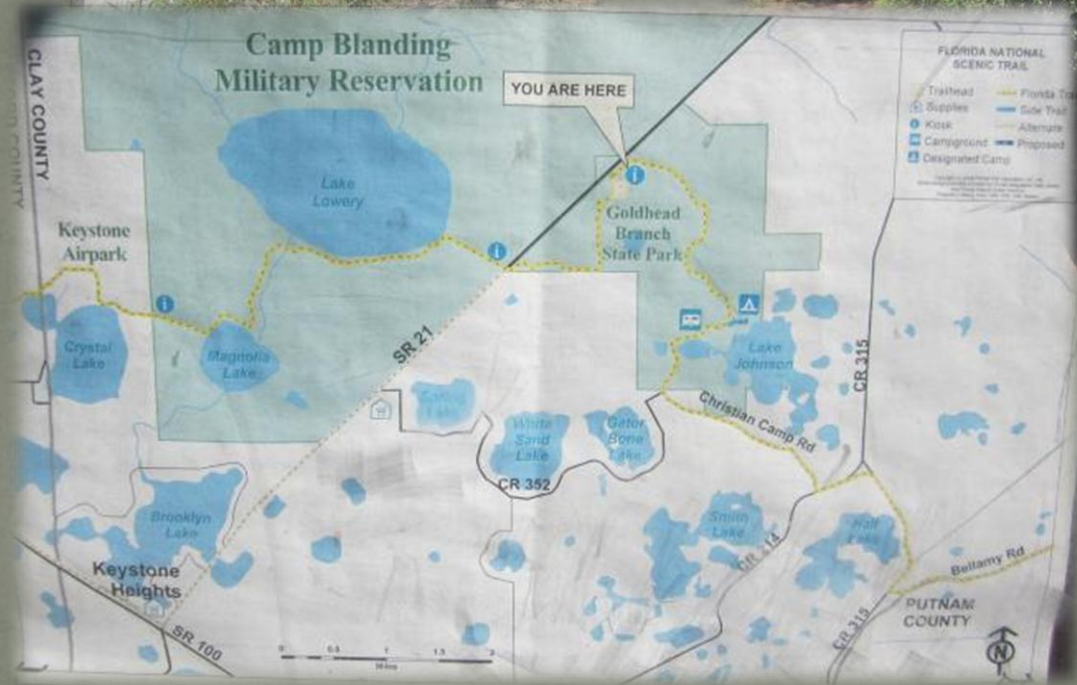
Cross Florida Greenway  
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Gold Head Branch State Park





Camp Blanding



# Osceola National Forest



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Shelter



Ocean Pond



West Tower







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Suwannee River Segment





Twin Rivers State Forest





## A long and winding trail



The trail system of the Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST) is a 1400-mile state-wide network of walking, hiking and backpacking trails that passes through a mix of private and local, state and federally owned lands.

This trail system was developed by the Florida Park and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Suwannee River Water Management District. Please stay on the trail and please leave no trace and "pack it out, pack it in" when hiking. During inclement weather, avoid the trail, as it may be slippery. For more information, visit the Florida Trail Association at [floridatrail.org](http://floridatrail.org).



The Aucilla section of the Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST) heads north and south from here, passing spectacular geologic formations and following the eastern bank of the scenic Aucilla River. The FNST system is a 1400-mile state-wide network of walking, hiking and backpacking trails that passes through a mix of private and local, state and federally owned lands.

# Aucilla WMA





St Marks National Wildlife Refuge

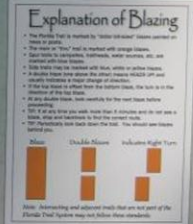
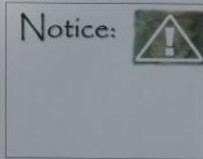




## FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL



## APALACHICOLA National Forest



Apalachicola National Forest





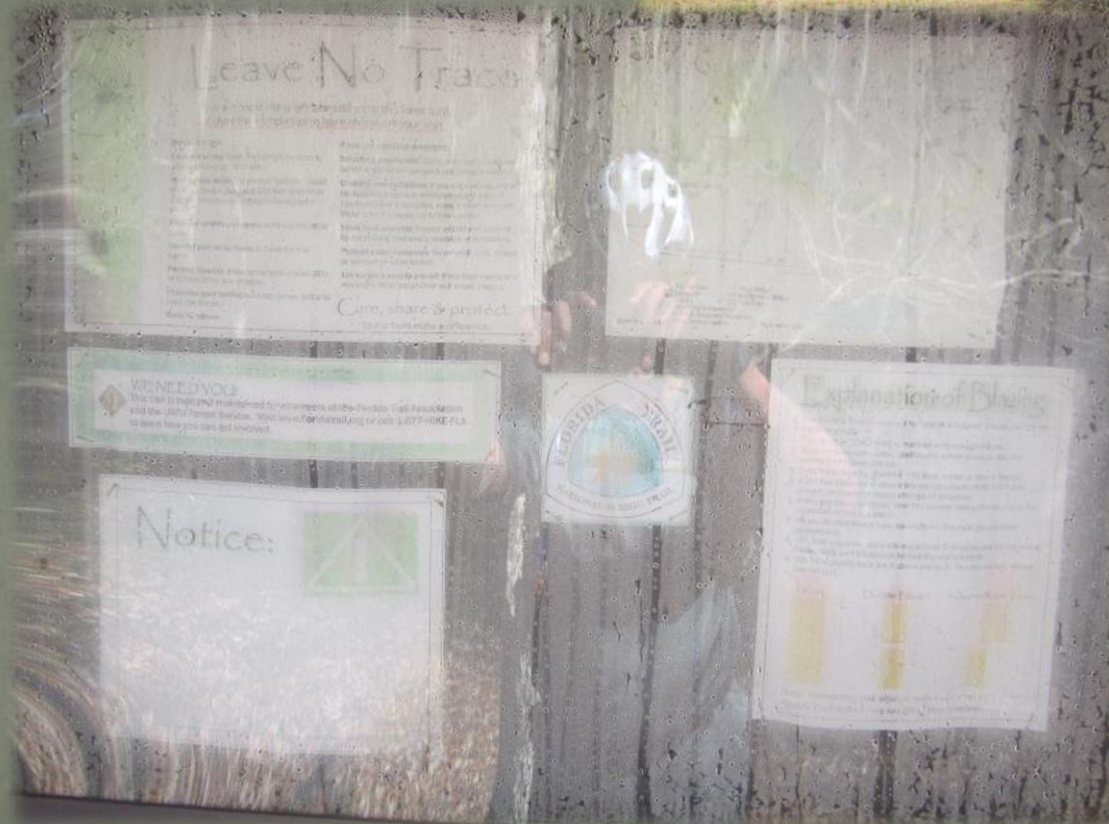




Pine Log State Forest



# Nokuse Plantation







Lafayette Creek WMA

## Choctawhatchee Water Management Area Lafayette Creek Tract

**Notice:**

This trail is built and maintained by volunteers of the Florida Trail Association and US Forest Service. To learn how you can get involved, visit [www.floridatrail.org](http://www.floridatrail.org) or call 1-877-FLKS-FLA.

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**EMERGENCY**

Call 911 for emergencies. For more information, visit [www.floridatrail.org](http://www.floridatrail.org) or call 1-877-FLKS-FLA.

**Leave No Trace**

Follow these guidelines to help protect the natural resources of the Lafayette Creek Tract. For more information, visit [www.floridatrail.org](http://www.floridatrail.org) or call 1-877-FLKS-FLA.

**Explanation of Blazing**

1. The Florida Trail is marked by yellow "blazes" (arrowheads) painted on trees or rocks.

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**Caring for the Land and Serving People**

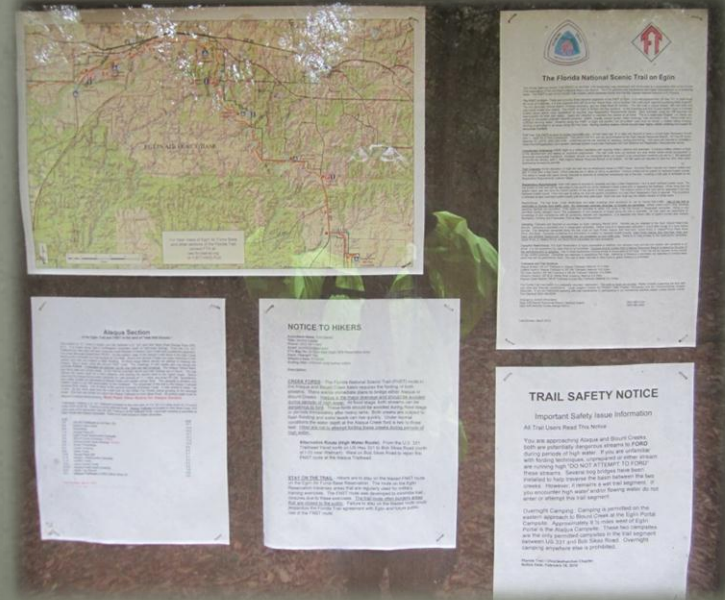
The Florida National Scenic Trail was designated by the United States Congress in 1983. Although the USDA Forest Service is the Agency director of the system, the trail is made possible by the support of partners and volunteers. Each year, hundreds of thousands of nature enthusiasts, hikers, and families get to know Florida's wild through the Florida National Scenic Trail. For more information on exploring the trail or to get involved, visit [www.floridatrail.org](http://www.floridatrail.org).



# Trailhead Kiosk



# Campsite Kiosk



# Eglin Air Force Base





Alabama Line

Blackwater Side Trail in Blackwater State Forest



The Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST) was congressionally designated in 1983 as a trail for non-motorized uses and when complete will span the length of the state for approximately 1,300 miles, with endpoints at Big Cypress National Preserve and Gulf Islands National Seashore. The US Forest Service, specifically National Forests in Florida, is the federal administrator of the FNST. The Trail passes through a mix of private, local, state, and federally owned lands and a variety of landscapes from remote wilderness to popular urban areas. The FNST is a special resource dedicated for the public's exploration and enjoyment of Florida's unique semi-tropical ecosystems.



[www.fs.usda.gov/fnst](http://www.fs.usda.gov/fnst)  
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## Welcome to the Triple N Ranch Wildlife Management Area

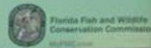


Welcome to the Triple N Ranch Wildlife Management Area. This wonderful and diverse landscape offers:

- seasonal hunting
- wildlife viewing
- fishing
- bicycling
- hiking
- horseback riding

Help protect the animals and plants that live here by following a few simple rules:

- Enjoy wildlife from a distance; please don't feed or disturb.
- Don't remove wildlife or plants, or release wildlife here from other places.



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WMA Boundary</li> <li>Major Roads</li> <li>Dirt Roads</li> <li>Bicycle Trail</li> <li>Florida Trail</li> <li>Water</li> <li>Federal Road</li> <li>WMA Road Number</li> <li>Parking</li> <li>Interpretive Kiosk</li> <li>Rest Rooms</li> <li>Picnicking</li> <li>Camping</li> <li>Florida Trail</li> <li>Designated Entrance</li> <li>Hunter Check Station</li> </ul> | <p><b>PLANT COMMUNITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forested Wetlands</li> <li>Freshwater Marsh</li> <li>Wet Prairie</li> <li>Forested Uplands</li> <li>Wet Flatwoods</li> <li>Pine Flatwoods</li> <li>Scrub</li> <li>Agriculture or Disturbed</li> <li>Pasture</li> <li>Dry Prairie</li> </ul> |
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Triple N Ranch WMA  
15 miles from FNST





Phipps Park

